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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BALO, CG

SUBJECT: NORTH-SHABA MAIZE PROJECT

1. AFR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR PROJECT REVIEW MET TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT ON MONDAY, MAY 10. MEETING RESULTED IN CONSENSUS IN PRINCIPAL TO MOVE AHEAD. TELEGRAM WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH DETAILS OF TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND DECISIONS.

2. HOWEVER, BEFORE MOVING AHEAD WITH FINAL DESIGN WORK WHICH WILL RESULT IN FURTHER COMMITTING USG TO PROJECT, IT APPEARS FIRM DECISION SHOULD BE MADE ON SECURITY QUESTION RATHER THAN DEFERRING THIS ISSUE TO PROJECT PAPER. AS YOU ARE AWARE AF BUREAU REQUESTED EVALUATION OF SECURITY SITUATION IN EASTERN ZAIRE FROM INR. REPLY RECEIVED IN MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 17 (COPY AIR POUCHED TO AMB. CUTLER).

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3. INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION CONCLUDED THAT:

"A) THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRP IS ANY LESS
MOTIVATED THAN IT WAS A YEAR AGO TO UNDERTAKE A KIDNAPPING
FOR POLITICAL-MILITARY PURPOSES; B) PRP WOULD VIEW
AMERICAN OFFICIALS WORKING ON THE PROJECT AREA AS

ATTRACTIVE KIDNAPPING TARGETS'; AND C) PRP HAS
CAPABILITY FOR SUCH KIDNAPPINGS.

4. INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION RAISES SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT
SECURITY OF AID TECHNICIANS TO BE ASSIGNED TO PROJECT
AS WELL AS POSES IMPLICATIONS FOR USG-GOZ RELATIONS IN
EVENT OF A KIDNAPPING. NEXT STEP IN PROJECT
IMPLEMENTATION IS APPROVAL FOR FINAL DESIGN WHICH WILL
ENTAIL COMMITMENT BY USG, EVENTUALLY TO ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT.
DECISION NOW REQUIRED ON SECURITY ASPECTS OF PROJECT, IN
LIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION, IN ORDER TO EITHER
MOVE AHEAD OR BEGIN PLANS FOR SUBSTITUTE PROJECT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION ON SECURITY
FEASIBILITY OF NORTH SHABA INTEGRATED MAIZE PROJECT IN
LIGHT OF INTELLIGENCE EVALUATION OF SECURITY SITUATION
IN EASTERN ZAIRE. REPLY REQUESTED BY MAY 18. KISSINGER

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